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SUBJECT: MALAWIAN AMB. MUWAMBA MEETS WITH ASST. SECY.  
SCHAUFEELE

1. MUWAMBA, ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER GEORGE BANDA, MET  
WITH SCHAUFEELE MAY 24. FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT POINTS WERE  
COVERED:

2. SECRETARY'S AFRICA TRIP: MUWAMBA ASKED FOR CLARIFICA-  
TION OF AID-RELATED PORTIONS OF LUSAKA SPEECH, ESPECIALLY  
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THOSE DEALING WITH COUNTRIES CLOSING THEIR BORDERS WITH

RHODESIA. SCHAUFLE explained that if a given country, e.g. Botswana, decides to close its borders, US will consider favorably any request for assistance. US is not RPT not urging such countries to close borders but wants to let them know where we stand.

3. MALAWI/RHODESIAN RELATIONS: MUWAMBA said that Malawi has cut off all links with Rhodesia. Flights to Salisbury have been suspended. Goods from Northern Transvaal no longer transit Rhodesia. Six months ago or more, Muwamba stated, President Banda urged businessmen in Malawi to develop alternative markets so that bottlenecks would

not occur when Mozambique closed its Rhodesian border. He implied that thanks to life president's foresight, these problems have been avoided.

4. MULTILATERAL ISSUES: SCHAUFLE expressed appreciation for Malawi's support for US positions in UN and reviewed our thinking on Korean and Puerto Rican issues. He hoped Malawi would continue to back us on these matters in upcoming international organization meetings this year.

5. BILATERAL ISSUES: SCHAUFLE noted that while overall US/Malawian relations are very good, there are two minor bilateral problems:

(A) EXPULSION OF AID-FUNDED PROFESSOR HARVEY: SCHAUFLE said Amb. Stevenson planned to raise this issue and lack of reason for action with President Banda's office O/A May 24, adding that Muwamba could appreciate how difficult it would be for us to recruit qualified academics for service in Malawi if they came to fear arbitrary expulsion. Muwamba appeared uninformed about Harvey case and offered no substantive comment.

(B) JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES: SCHAUFLE observed this issue tended to wax and wane; we are near a down-swing in the cycle now, but issue might again become important in the future. We do not want this to have a bad effect on US/limited official use

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Malawian relations, he commented. Muwamba said that he has received numerous letters and calls from witnesses and feels that protests may be directed against fact sect is banned in Malawi, rather than against alleged atrocities. He denied accounts of persecution were true. Muwamba said that while it theoretically possible issue could be laid to rest if GOM would issue statement denying witnesses were being persecuted, this was out of the

QUESTION SINCE THE GOM WOULD NEVER BE "FORCED" INTO MAKING SUCH A DEFENSIVE STATEMENT. MUWAMBA ALSO SAID THAT INDIVIDUAL AMCIT WITNESSES WERE FREE TO VISIT MALAWI TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES AND SEE FOR THEMSELVES THEY ARE FALSE. (COMMENT: IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH DEPT. OFF., MUWAMBA COMMENTED THAT (A) GOM WOULD NOT PERMIT ANY WITNESS "INQUIRY COMMISSION" TO VISIT COUNTRY AND THAT (B) INDIVIDUAL AMCIT WHO TRAVELLED ALONE AND TRIED TO RE-SEARCH MATTER IN MALAWI BY ON-SITE INSPECTION OF AREAS WHERE ATROCITIES ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED WOULD FIND HIMSELF IN TROUBLE WITH GOM SECURITY FORCES.) SISCO

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